

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**
May 18, 2005 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W020 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Paul Ray

Members Absent:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of related materials can be found at www.leg.utah.gov or by contacting the committee secretary, Joy Miller, at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting may also be available from the committee secretary.

1. Committee Business

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Harper and Litvack absent for the vote.

2. Legislative Oversight – Sunset Reviews and Statutory Reports

Mr. Andrews discussed the following documents which were mailed to the Committee: "Statutory Oversight" and "Reports to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee, 2005, with Pertinent Statutory Text."

Dr. David Sundwall, DOH (Department of Health), distributed a memorandum outlining the reports and sunset provisions that the Department believes should be eliminated or retained. He asked that the Committee consider eliminating some of the reports that are outdated or redundant.

Ms. Debbie Turner, DOH, reviewed the Department's recommendations.

Mr. Doug Springmeyer, Assistant Attorney General, indicated that a repeal of reporting requirements would indicate that the programs about which the reports are made have become routine.

Ms. Marie Christman, Deputy Director, DHS (Department of Human Services), distributed "DHS Report to Interim Committee." DHS is statutorily required to provide seven different reports to the Committee. She said they are recommending that none of the reports be repealed.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to request staff to draft legislation removing the reporting requirements for Abortion Informed Consent Information and AIDS/HIV Anonymous Testing. The following programs would be removed from the Sunset Act: Family Health Services, Utah Medical Examiner Act, Department of Health Organization, and Safe Relinquishment of a Newborn Child. Staff should work in cooperation with the DOH on the Medicaid - Freedom of Choice Waiver and Medicaid - Implementation and Results of Waiver issues. Low and Moderate Income Housing and Foster Care Citizen Review Boards should also be considered for possible statutory changes to update them. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Childhood Obesity

Mr. Andrews reviewed the background report "Childhood Obesity" and two Issue Briefs titled "School Nutrition" and "Physical Education" which were mailed to the Committee. He discussed the previous action taken by the Legislature and policy options and issues.

Ms. Laura Oscarson Wilde, USOE (Utah State Office of Education), distributed "Utah School Health Advisory Committees," "Report from Child Nutrition Programs," and "Modeling Health, Utah's Secondary Schools Project." She reviewed the actions USOE has taken to inform schools of the impact of foods available in schools outside the purview of the child nutrition programs. She explained the progress that the schools in the Modeling Health project have made.

Ms. Julie Metos, Action for Healthy Kids, distributed a handout of her presentation to the Committee. She commented on how the obesity epidemic is affecting Utah children and what is being done nationally and locally to address the problem. She distributed the following handouts: "Recommendations for Competitive Food Standards in Utah," "Recommendations for Physical Activity Policies in Utah Schools," "Recommendations for Nutrition Policies in Utah Schools," "Recommendations for Wellness Policies in Utah Schools," "2005 Nutrition/Physical Activity Legislation," and "Obesity 'Report Card' for States Released."

The Committee discussed the need to have a good combination of physical activity and nutrition.

4. Mass Quarantine

Dr. Robert Rolfs, State Epidemiologist, commented on the potential threat of a large infectious outbreak and the way it could be controlled. He discussed several situations in the U.S. and around the world where disease outbreaks have occurred and the results of having no quarantine.

Mr. Springmeyer distributed and reviewed "Controlling Disease and Expediting Economic Recovery." Recommendations for legislation include public/private hybrid governance of such an event to maximize accurate public information and economic recovery, authority to waive statute and rule during such an emergency, and providing the needed tools to protect the public.

Rep. Last suggested that a work group be formed to further study the issue.

5. Other Business / Adjourn

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MOTION: Rep. Harper moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.